

Yours very truly,
W. W. Christie.

Dr A. Gray.

I'll attend to that photograph
matter.

In Care -

Buffalo, Sept. 30, 1866.

My dear Gray:

Your esquire, W. Mann,
is very naughty, in determining
my beautiful Garter to be edwardsi
na; but Engelman is still
worse, for he decides it to be
Beaussii, which he regards
as a good species, distinct
from edwardsi. "Better
luck next time!" But I am
pretty mad - & I'll get rid, so
much as I can, of my bile.

And first, Dr Gray! I'm at
you. I wrote to Dr Eng'm that
you were lazy. He was up in
arms at once, & wrote that
you were not lazy but over-
worked!!! I don't believe it.
You are lazy - sometimes. I

don't believe you can be un-
worked. You can do all the
work that can be thrust upon
you, & more - with ease,
celerity, & generally, with
thoroughness. But what do
you mean by calling W. Mann
squid? What right
have you to a Squire? How
you have given me a peep
into your character. You are
a knight errant through the
world, righting the wrong
flowers. But you don't need
a squire to bear you shield
and your helmet. You are
always fully armed. I shall
associate you hereafter with
the helmeted flower. ^{See you}
helmeted for as whenever I
see the nose of a snopdragon.

How can you say, as you
do, in the Manual, of *Antennaria*

Came by a ^{fast} branch rail-
road, "Star simple" ^{with} in
it branches often & much. It
travels mainly by railroad,
has reached Utica, & I have
no doubt, Albany: but, if
your New England Railroad
were not so slow, would be
in Boston & Cambridge by
this time.

As to W. Mann, he deserves
some punishment. Please
put him at work on the
accompanying list of plants.
~~As~~ I have copied, as well as I
could, from labels of a German
Botanist. I wish him to
correct my misspellings &
to write, after each, the
Natural Order to which
it belongs. I am determined,
God willing, to set up
my herbarium ^{next winter}; & this
is matter of preparation.